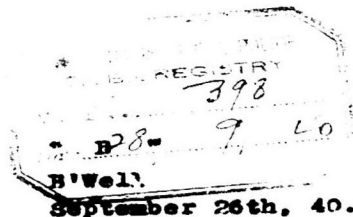


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3.50p.m. - 8p.m.

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Scene of offence.

Det. Office.

W. Hongkew & Gordon Road.

Edinburgh Road.

About 3.45p.m. 26/9/40.

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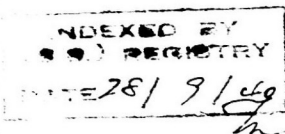
Sung Chou Zu (沈九如); manager,
1285/53 Ave. Joffre.

Five male Chinese, all armed (not in custody).

For description, please see body of report.

Nil.

A gang of armed men, hired a car, detain chauffeur,
commandeered car, and kidnapped son of a merchant
as he was leaving school.



At 3.50p.m. 26/9/40, a telephone call was received at this station from the McTyeire School, 11 Edinburgh Road, reporting that a pupil of the Primary Section of the school, 15-A Edinburgh Road, had been kidnapped by a gang of armed men as he was leaving the school.

A party under Officer 1/c B.W. turned out, and on arrival, it was learned that the kidnappers had already made good their escape with the victim.

Miss C. Chang (), a teacher of the school, was able to give the following information:-

At about 3.45p.m. 26/9/40, she stood at the main gates as her pupils went home from school. She saw one of them named Sung Tsi Tsung (沈濟翁), age about 10 years, cross the roadway, and prepare to get into a motor car which was parked at the roadside. As he did so, three Chinese persons, all armed, grabbed hold of him, and put him into a black saloon motor car, bearing the licence plate 17890.

The armed men also took away the car keys from the chauffeur of the motor car which the pupil had attempted to enter, then got into their own car, and drove off north along Edinburgh Road.

All stations were at once circulated to keep a lookout for motor car 17890.

The motor car standing at the roadside was found to have the licence number 11084. The chauffeur could not be located.

At 4.20p.m. 26/9/40, West Hongkew Station

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notified this station that at 4.15p.m. 26/9/40, Sgt. Parsons of the C.V.C. on duty at the Blockhouse at Honan Road, had stopped motor car licence No. 17890, as it was leaving the Settlement via North Honan Road, and arrested the chauffeur who was the only occupant.

The car, together with the chauffeur Zee Kwang zung (徐廣生), permit No. 19151, was brought to the station. However, this was proved not to be the car and chauffeur used by the kidnappers. Motor car 17890 and the chauffeur were therefore allowed to go at 6p.m. 26/9/40. Circulation cancelled.

// At 5.30p.m. 26/9/40, Gordon Road Station reported // to this station that at 4p.m. 26/9/40, a hire car chauffeur had reported to Footscott Road Station that his vehicle, licence No. 17960, had been used by armed kidnappers. Enquiries had revealed that the kidnappers had operated in Bubbling Well District, and the car and chauffeur were accordingly sent to this station.

Tsen Liang Tsung (周良錫) Chauffeur, permit No. 16069, employed by the Dah Keng (大康) Garage, 487 Sinza Road and driver of hire car licence No. 17960 gave the following story:-

At 3p.m. 26/9/40, two Chinese persons came to

the garage, and ordered a car. They paid \$3.00 hire fee, and asked to be sent to Zau Ka Doo ( Village.

The chauffeur was detailed to attend, using motor car 17960.

When the car arrived at Jessfield Road near Robison Road, the chauffeur was ordered to stop, and a third person got into the car. The third person then ordered the chauffeur to drive along Jessfield Road, and when on the stretch of road at the rear of Jessfield Park, the chauffeur was again ordered to stop. The third person then produced a pistol, and ordered the chauffeur to get out. At this time, two more persons appeared on the scene. They came out of a nearby lane, took hold of the chauffeur, and led him back into the lane.

About half an hour later, the two men allowed the chauffeur to go. He was given \$10.00 and told that if he went to Robison Road near Kiaschow Road, he would find his car.

The chauffeur went to the location given, found his car, and at once reported to the Police.

Motor car licence No. 17960 was examined for finger prints. None were found.

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The bona fides of the chauffeur Tseu Liang Tsung were found to be in order, and on instructions of Sen. Det. i/c., he was allowed to go with his car at 7.30p.m. 28/9/40.

The owner of motor car 11084 is Mr. Sung Chou zu (沈九如), manager of the Doong Sung (同成) Silk Factory, Ferry Road, and living at 1285/53 Avenue Joffre.

It was learned that Mr. Sung Chou zu was away from Shanghai, but his representative, together with the chauffeur of Mr. Sung's car, came to this station.

Tsang Loo Liang (張魯良), chauffeur, permit No. 7864, employed by Mr. Sung Chou zu, said:-

At the time of the kidnapping he was sitting in his car, waiting for the child to come out of school. As the child came out of school and approached the car, two or three persons came up, took away the child, and took away the motor car keys. He saw the men get into a motor car, licence number unknown, and drive away north along Edinburgh Road. He then ran into the school, telephoned the Police, and after this, called a ricksha and went straight to his master's home to tell the family of what had occurred.

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The description of the kidnapped boy is:-

Sung Tsi Tsauing (沈济亮), 11 years,
Changchow, male, dressed in a blue
cloth long gown.

The description of the five persons seen by
the hire car chauffeur, are:-

- (1) Age about 40, height about 5'7",
strong build, dark complexion,
round face, shaved head, wearing
navy blue tweed long gown, speak-
ing Kompo dialect. Armed with
a pistol.
- (2) Age about 38, height about 5'7",
slim build, pale complexion,
long thin face, short cropped
hair, wearing grey long gown,
speaking Kompo dialect. Armed
with a pistol.
- (3) Age about 25, height about 5'5",
strong build, dark complexion,
round face, shaved head, wearing
blue cloth jacket and pants,
speaking Kompe dialect. Armed
with a pistol.
- (4) Age about 29, height about 5'7",
slim build, sallow complexion,
long face, shaved head, wearing
black jacket and white pants,
speaking Kompe dialect. Armed
with a pistol.
- (5) Age about 25, height about 5'5",
slim build, sallow complexion,
long thin face, long hair combed
back, wearing white striped
cloth jacket and pants, speaking
Kompe dialect. Armed with a
pistol.

